

HONORARY WARRANT OFFICER AND DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**CWO 4 PAUL TOMPKINS
JR.**

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Paul J. Tompkins Jr. was born on Aug. 15, 1956 in Leesville, La. He entered the United States Army on Oct. 12, 1974 and served until his retirement on Jan. 31, 2002 completing 28 years of active-duty service. He retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 4.

Mr. Tompkins started his career in the U.S. Army as an enlisted Military Policeman. Volunteering for Special Forces in 1979, he graduated as a Special Forces engineer in 1980. Mr. Tompkins served in many different capacities during his Special Forces career. He served 11 years in the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), assisting in the planning of several sensitive operations. These plans included stay-behind operations in Eastern Germany and infiltration of the Soviet Union and Poland to conduct laser-target designation and resistance operations.

In 1990, as a team leader of ODA 026, Mr. Tompkins planned Kurdish resistance operations in support of Desert Storm as well as the stabilization activities of Operation Provide Comfort. As a plans officer for 1st Battalion, 10th SFG (A), Mr. Tompkins planned seven crisis response deployments to the continent of Africa.

From 1993 to 1995, Mr. Tompkins was assigned the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School where he served as the Commander and Chief Instructor, Special Forces Advanced Special Operations Techniques Detachment. During this period he was instrumental in the development of the Broken Axle training and its implementation for the United States Army Special Forces Command (Airborne).

Upon completion of this assignment, Mr. Tompkins was assigned to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command as a plans and operations officer for Force Protection and Special Programs. While serving in this capacity, Mr. Tompkins was a member of the unconventional warfare planning team for Special Operations Command Central CON PLAN, which had a direct impact upon operations in Afghanistan. He wrote the Classified Field Manual 3-05.2.20, *Special Forces Advanced Special Operations*. Mr. Tompkins active-duty career culminated with an extension in his USASOC G3X assignment as the command's principle planner for UW supporting campaign plans for the Global War on Terror.

He was hired as the deputy chief of the USASOC G3X, Special Programs Division in 2004, and was promoted to Chief in June 2009. He was instrumental in the planning, procurement and construction of the Volkmann Facility. He also led the effort in updating the historical Special Operations Research Office studies on UW and human factors. He promoted and obtained command support and funding for a joint partnership with John Hopkins University. This collaboration has enabled the update of the SORO studies as well as the development of other insurgency and counterinsurgency studies that will have a direct impact on exercises, basic and advanced educational instruction and professional development of Special Forces and special operations Soldiers and leadership.

Mr. Tompkins awards and decorations include: The Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Legion of Merit, Army Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak-Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with six Oak-Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Medal and Overseas Service Medal (3rd Award) and German, Italian Greek and Belgian jump wings.

Mr. Tompkins is active in his community. He is a member of the Arran Lakes Baptist Church, where he has served as a deacon and continues to serve as an adult Sunday School teacher.